

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Route 57 – Gateway Treatments Greenwich, Franklin and Mansfield Warren County

**Public Information Forum
May 9, 2005, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) invites you to attend a Public Information Forum for a proposed roadway project on Route 57. The NJDOT is committed to satisfying local and regional transportation needs and safety concerns.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in learning more about the project, or if you require assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Debbie Hirt at NJDOT (listed below).

The Meeting

The Public Information Forum will be held at the **Warren County Technical School Cafeteria, 1500 Route 57, Washington, New Jersey on Monday, May 9, 2005 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.**

The purpose of this forum is to inform local residents, officials and the business community of the New Jersey NJDOT's proposed plans for gateway treatments to Route 57 in the hamlets of Stewartsville, New Village, Broadway and Beattystown. Representatives from NJDOT and its consultant, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., will be present.

Comments from the public are welcome. By participating in the public meetings, interested citizens can provide insight and suggestions that will assist in developing the most appropriate, cost effective and environmentally sensitive solution for improving the transportation needs within their community.

Background

Route 57 serves as a connecting route linking Route 22 from the southwest to Interstate 80 to the northeast. The environs of Route 57 are mostly rural. However, within the project limits, the area has had an increase in the number of residential and commercial properties with buildings and, in some locations, sidewalks along the highway.

The posted speed limits within the hamlets are reduced compared to the posted speed limits along the rest of Route 57. However, data suggests that vehicles are not

obeying the reduced speed limit signs and, as a result, are creating hazardous situations.

The Proposed Project

This project is one part of the overall corridor study for Route 57 being conducted by NJDOT. It includes the design of gateway treatments for four hamlets along Route 57.

The purpose of the project is to improve public safety through traffic calming measures and prototype gateway treatments based on a Context Sensitive Design approach.

The proposed work will include tree and shrub plantings, entry signs, contrasting color shoulder treatment, and imprinted tinted pavement at existing crosswalks to simulate a brick paver pattern.

Implementation of consistent gateway treatments within the limits of these highway communities is intended to aid in the reduction of vehicle speeds and traffic noise, thus promoting safety and a better quality of life for area residents.

Estimated Cost and Schedule

The estimated cost for this project is \$1.1 million.

The tentative schedule is:

Final Design	Summer 2005.
Begin Construction	Fall 2005.
Complete Construction	Spring 2006.

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